

Committee: Executive
Date: Monday 7 October 2013
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor Barry Wood (Chairman)	Councillor G A Reynolds (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Ken Atack	Councillor Norman Bolster
Councillor John Donaldson	Councillor Michael Gibbard
Councillor Tony Ilott	Councillor Nigel Morris
Councillor D M Pickford	Councillor Nicholas Turner

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**

Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest that they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

- 3. Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting**

The Chairman to report on any requests to submit petitions or to address the meeting.

- 4. Urgent Business**

The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

- 5. Minutes (Pages 1 - 8)**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2013.

Strategy and Policy

6. Local Plan Update (Pages 9 - 328)

6.35 pm

Report of Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy

Purpose of Report

To consider the draft Submission Local Plan for Cherwell.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To endorse the draft Submission Local Plan and refer it to Full Council for approval, subject to the Final Sustainability Appraisal being presented at Full Council.
- 1.2 To note that the Infrastructure tables in the draft Local Plan are to be replaced in due course by a full Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) for submission.
- 1.3 To delegate approval of minor changes to the draft Submission Local Plan text to delete the references to 'draft' or 'emerging' IDP once the IDP is finalised to the Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy in consultation with the Lead Member for Planning.

7. Sister City Agreement with Xishuangbanna (Pages 329 - 332)

6.55pm

Report of the Chief Executive

Purpose of Report

To update Members on the recent signing of a 'Letter of Intent' between Cherwell District Council and Xishuangbanna Dai Nationality Autonomous Prefecture to establish formal 'Sister City' status between the two authorities.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To note the signing of the Letter of Intent
- 1.2 To consider the establishment of a cross-party Member, Officer, Education and Business group to maximise the benefits of this link and to delegate authority for the establishment and running of the group to the Leader.

Service Delivery and Innovation

8. New Homes Bonus - Year 3 Allocations 2013-14 (Pages 333 - 338) 7.00 pm

Report of Director of Resources

Summary

For the Executive to determine how they wish to allocate the New Homes Bonus received for the third year of the scheme. This is the award confirmed for 2013-14.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To agree the year 3 allocations as set out in this report
- 1.2 To delegate authority to the Director of Resources and the Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy in consultation with the lead member for Financial Management and the lead member for Estates and the Economy to determine the schemes on which those funds allocated for economic development purposes should be spent.
- 1.3 To delegate authority to the Director of Resources and the Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy in consultation with the lead member for Financial Management and the lead member for Estates and the Economy to agree future year allocations of New Homes Bonus.

Value for Money and Performance

9. Budget Strategy 2014 to 2015 and Beyond (Pages 339 - 350) 7.10 pm

Report of Director of Resources

Purpose of Report

To inform the Executive of the service and financial planning process for 2014-15, to approve 2014-15 budget strategy and to agree budget guidelines for issue to service managers to enable the production of the 2014-15 budget.

To present the most recent medium term financial forecasts.

To consider the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2014-15.

To agree the Council's approach to Business Rates pooling for 2014-15.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 Note the updated MTFs forecast for the Council's revenue budget for 2014-15 to 2018/19.

- 1.2 To endorse the overall 2014-15 budget strategy and service and financial planning process set out in the report.
- 1.3 Consider and agree the proposed budget guidelines and timetable for 2014-15 budget process (Appendices 1 and 2).
- 1.4 It is recommended that the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) remains as it is for 2014-15 as set out in Para 3.11 to 3.14.
- 1.5 Show support in principle for continuing to work on business rate pooling and carry out more detailed work to ascertain whether we form a pool with the County or not for 2014-15 as set out in paragraphs 3.15 to 3.22 and delegate authority to the Director of Resources in consultation with the lead member for Financial Management to make the final decision.

Urgent Business

10. Urgent Business

Any other items which the Chairman has decided is urgent.

11. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following report(s) contain exempt information as defined in the following paragraph(s) of Part 1, Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972.

3– Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Members are reminded that whilst the following item(s) have been marked as exempt, it is for the meeting to decide whether or not to consider each of them in private or in public. In making the decision, members should balance the interests of individuals or the Council itself in having access to the information. In considering their discretion members should also be mindful of the advice of Council Officers.

No representations have been received from the public requesting that this item be considered in public.

Should Members decide not to make a decision in public, they are recommended to pass the following recommendation:

“That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business, on the grounds that they could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) 3 of Schedule 12A of that Act.”

12. **East West Local Rail Contribution** (Pages 351 - 356)

7.35 pm

Report of Director of Development

Purpose of Report

For members of the Executive to recommend to Council the level of local contribution to be made towards the construction of East West Rail.

(Meeting scheduled to close at 7.50 pm)

Information about this Agenda

Apologies for Absence

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Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare interests at item 2 on the agenda or if arriving after the start of the meeting, at the start of the relevant agenda item.

Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts & Supplementary Estimates

Members are reminded that any member who is two months in arrears with Council Tax must declare the fact and may speak but not vote on any decision which involves budget setting, extending or agreeing contracts or incurring expenditure not provided for in the agreed budget for a given year and could affect calculations on the level of Council Tax.

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